

FIGHT FANS FOOLED WHEN LANGFORD MET SMITH IN HUB CITY

Things Come Fast and Furious in Pugilistic World—
Frame-Up Charge Not Substantiated—Other
Food for Those Interested in
Ring Affairs.

San Francisco, November 18.—If any thing was needed to show the rush and bustle of things pugilistic in the East, the rapid manner in which matches are arranged and carried through it is the fact that Gunboat Smith and Sam Langford boxed in Boston last night, and that few, if any, of the sporting men of the Far West knew the affair was to take place.

The heavyweights went twelve rounds, and Smith was given the decision. As to his right to receive it, Langford says it is the fair dealers. One account has it that Langford clearly outpointed the negro, while another says that the decision was arrived at by a large portion of the crowd.

Both accounts agree that Langford was high in flesh. He could not be otherwise. When he boxed Jack Lester at Taft he was probably twenty pounds over his natural fighting weight, and the chances are he was in a worse plight still when he met Smith.

A story came over the wire that a sometime champion B. H. McGoarty tried to have the contest pacified by the authorities. Benton, through his attorney, claimed that the article was a "frame-up." He failed to have it stopped, but after it was all over there were those among the spectators who thought that Benton had called the turn correctly in respect to the genuineness of the bout.

Langford did not part himself to any extent until late in the affair, and some spectators left that terrible sight of his at home.

It may be that the Boston bout is merely preliminary to a larger contest between the pair for "the world's championship." If such a match is arranged the public will surely view it askance. As was pointed out a few days ago, it would require months of serious training to San Langford for a serious glove contest, and with the habits Smith has formed, it is doubtful if he would submit to the ordeal.

Sporting Editor, The Times-Dispatch, Richmond, Va.
Sir.—Permit me through the medium of your most valuable paper to say that I am a clean bowler, but I have been in Richmond for the past five years, and have seen various tennis play on the Broad Street Field. From close observation, I must confess that I have never seen cleaner football players than those sent out by the great and beautiful Mason College. It is pleasure and instruction to those men play. I attribute their many, many victories chiefly to clean, fair play. A victory is always greater when achieved by a hard clean struggle.

C. H. PHILIPS,
Richmond, Va., Nov. 18.

BASKETBALL WILL BE WINTER SPORT

R. A. A. F. Organizing Quints.
Meeting to Be Held To-Night.
Expect Close Races.

The executive committee of the Richmond Amateur Athletic Federation will meet at the Blues' Armory to-night, at 8 o'clock, to organize a professional basketball league. Many of the leading teams have been invited to be present. Y. M. C. A., Richmond, Hawthonians, Richmont Blues, Church City Association, Richmond College, McGills Catholic Union, Union Theological Union, J. Marshall High School, First National Bank, John Marshall Athletic Club.

The Y. M. C. A., the Blues, the Hawthonians, McGills and the Church City Association will all enter a second team if it is necessary to do so in order to make up two strong six team leagues.

The officials, two for each game, will be appointed by the executive committee of the federation, and will be responsible to the federation. Spalding's official basketball guide of the A. A. U. rules will be the official rule book.

It is very probable that the league games will be played in quarters of twenty minutes instead of twenty-five halves. In this way each team will play ten minutes, rest ten, as all games of the two leagues will be doubleheaders.

The federation executive committee has been seeking to interest all the basketball fans in Richmond. In case some team has been overlooked, let the manager of such team take this as an invitation to be present Wednesday night of this week at the Blues' Armory at 8 o'clock.

YALE STANDS PAT ON FINAL LINE-UP

Team That Tied Princeton Will
Meet Harvard in Final
Battle Saturday.

New Haven, Conn., November 18.—It is practically certain that Yale will send the same team against the crimson next Saturday, but the Princetonians will be sent in to meet us something we didn't foresee. In one of the most remarkable instances of continued improvement in football Yale has left Cornell last year's star team behind. The Yale strategists will be employing the intelligent Yale strategy will probably take the same line that it did last year, playing know-how at right angles. Harvard has been beaten and beaten, and then substituting Gruenert and Gruenert and Dunn were both in practice today having recovered from the severe blisters they brought out of the Thanksgiving game, and that will be the nucleus around which all their efforts to keep the team together will be centered.

The team that plays Thursday afternoon at Amherst, where it will put the final touches on the training for the crimson

JOHN MARSHALL MEETS ACADEMY

INDIANS PREPARE
TO MEET SYRACUSE

Prep Schools in Final Clash of
Season—Battle for Sec-
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